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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN REFUGEES IN ZAIRE: FURTHER DETAILS ON UNHCR
REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

REF: KINSHASA 2625

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: UNHCR RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE SICOTTE
HAS PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE
EMERGENCY FOOD NEEDS OF RECENT ANGOLAN REFUGEES (REFTEL).
SICOTTE WAS APPRAISED OF POSSIBILITY OF USING US PL-480 COUNTER-
PART FUNDS TO HELP MEET SOME OF THE REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, MOST
OF THE ITEMS NEEDED ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL PURCHASE IN
ZAIRE. END SUMMARY.

2. FULL DETAILS OF UNHCR ESTIMATE OF FOOD NEEDS BEING
POUCHED. IN BRIEF, UNHCR WOULD LIKE TO DISTRIBUTE 70,000
MONTHLY FOOD RATIONS OF 19.02 KILOGRAMS EACH. FULL RATIONS
WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED BEGINNING IMMEDIATELY AND CONTINUING UNTIL
THE FIRST HARVEST (I.E. UNTIL JANUARY 1979);
DISTRIBUTION WOULD THEN BE CUT TO HALF RATIONS UNTIL THE
SECOND HARVEST FIVE MONTHS LATER. TOTAL QUANTITIES OF FOOD REQUIRED
FOR SUCH DISTRIBUTIONS AND NOT RPT NOT COVERED BY CONTRIBUTIONS
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ALREADY PROMISED TO UNHCR WOULD BE:

8,812.5 METRIC TONS OF CEREALS
1,062.5 METRIC TONS OF BEANS
316 METRIC TONS OF FISH OR MEAT
1,192.5 METRIC TONS OF OIL
525 METRIC TONS OF SUGAR

642.5 METRIC TONS OF DEHYDRATED SKIM MILK

105 METRIC TONS OF SALT

3. SICOTTE FEELS THAT IT IS FEASIBLE TO MAKE LOCAL PURCHASE OF BEANS BUT NOT OF THE OTHER FOODSTUFFS LISTED ABOVE. US AG ATTACHE ADDS THAT RICE TOO IS AVAILABLE IN ZAIRE (ALTHOUGH NOT IN KINSHASA OR IN THE BAS-ZAIRE AREA WHERE REFUGEES ARE LOCATED) AS ARE LIMITED QUANTITIES OF PALM OIL AND MEAT.

4. SICOTTE INTENDS TO SEEK PL-480 COUNTERPART FUNDS TO HELP MEET REFUGEE NEEDS IN FORTHCOMING DISCUSSION WITH GOZ AUTHORITIES.

5. EMBASSY AWAITING DEPARTMENT REACTION TO REFTTEL BEFORE PROCEEDING FURTHER.
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